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Three Bay Area Men Charged with Auto Burglaries, Fleeing Police

Three Bay Area men have been charged with committing a series of vehicle burglaries in Los Angeles and fleeing police twice in June and July, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Xavier Pittman (dob 1/26/98) and Damillion Davonte Williamson (dob 10/15/96), both of San Francisco, and Jaurice Anthony Laxa (dob 9/3/93) of Daly City are each charged in case BA480320 with seven counts of second-degree burglary of a vehicle, two counts of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly and one count of vandalism over \$400, all felonies. The defendants also are charged with three misdemeanor counts of hit-and-run driving resulting in property damage.

The case was filed yesterday afternoon and arraignment is scheduled today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

According to prosecutors, the trio allegedly burglarized four vehicles on June 1 in Hollywood and Mid-Wilshire. Los Angeles Police Department officers identified the car being driven by the defendants and pursued them, but the men escaped.

Then on July 19, the defendants again are accused of breaking into three automobiles in Hollywood and the Fairfax district and then fleeing police. They allegedly damaged a parking lot gate arm and hit three vehicles during the chase before stopping at the Sherman Oaks Galleria.

The men ran from their car but were arrested.

The defendants each face a possible maximum sentence of seven years and six months in state prison if convicted as charged. Bail for each of them has been set at \$310,000.

The case remains under investigation by the LAPD.

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